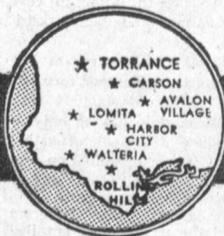


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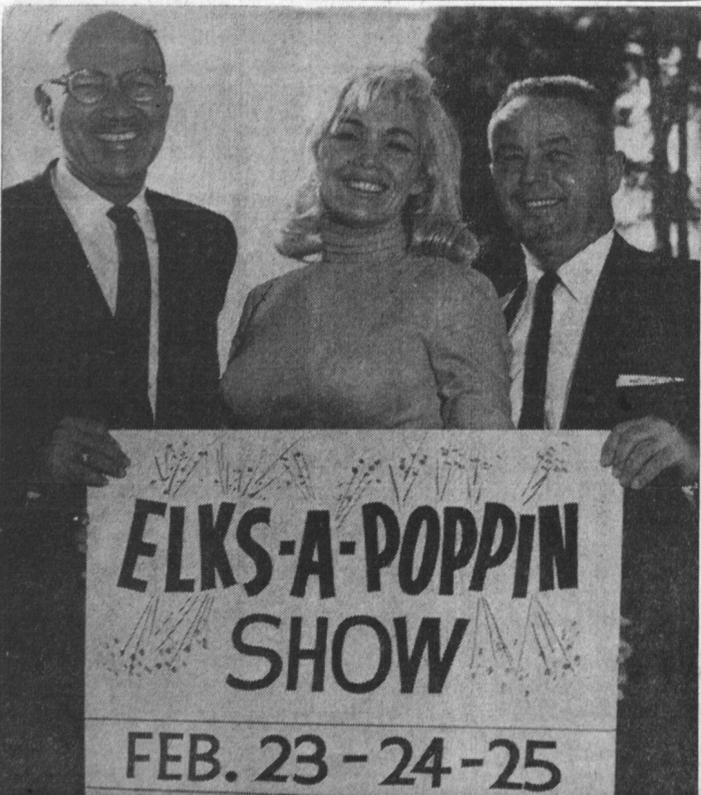
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FIRST TICKET SOLD—Mayor Albert Isen late this week bought the first ticket for the Torrance Elks "Elks-A-Poppin," annual production scheduled for February 23, 24 and 25 in the Torrance High auditorium. Juli Red-

ing, Miss Los Angeles Press Club, in Torrance for the occasion, made the sale while Ace Littleton, Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Club, stood by.

Hooded Bandit Robs Local Liquor Store

Annual Accident Survey Shows Huge Drop in Crash Deaths

Year's end surveys of accident records in the City of Torrance were completed this week and indicated a large reduction in the number of traffic injuries and fatalities and in the number of accidents.

Major cause of the reductions, reports Chief of Police Percy Bennett, is the concentrated efforts of the personnel of the Traffic Division, excellent engineering planning by the city's traffic engineers and the cooperation of the City Council.

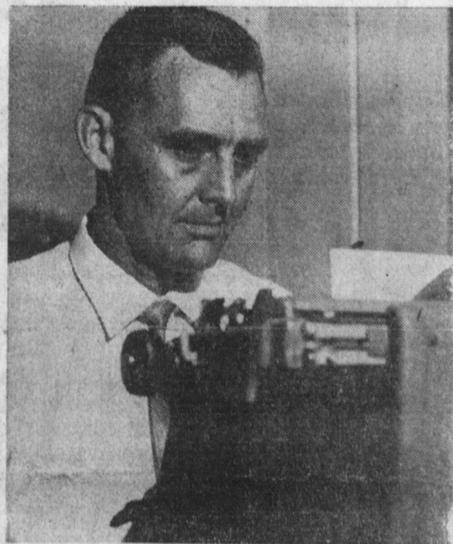
Fatality rate in the city dropped from 11 fatalities in 1959 to seven in 1960, the report shows. A reduction of traffic accidents by 21 percent and a savings of \$300,000 to the taxpayers was also indicated.

Other accident facts shown are:

Three of the seven fatalities were pedestrians. Two of them were killed during darkness and the pedestrians were wearing dark clothing at the time of the accidents. All three were killed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., which are the peak hours of traffic congestion.

Six of the seven fatalities occurred after darkness and speed contributed to four of these. Three of the seven drivers had been drink-

ing. The City of Torrance did not have a single fatality during any of the three and four-day holiday periods during 1960.



FINAL DRAFT—Officer Bill Winther, accident followup investigator of the Torrance Police Department, this week completed the final survey of accident records in the city during the past year and came up with the encouraging news that traffic accidents have been reduced by 21 percent. Here he is shown completing the final draft of the survey.

Blond Gunman Refuses Small Bills, Change

A blond gunman, who apparently scorned such attentions as getaway cars, robbed a Torrance liquor store this weekend and walked away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Tom Harrington, owner of the Apollo Liquor store, corner of 174th St. and Prairie, said that the bandit, who wore his light hair very long, walked up to the counter, placed a soft drink bottle on the cash register and asked, "Do you take this kind?"

Harrington said that when he opened the register to give the bandit his two cents for the bottle, he threw a paper bag on the counter and said, "Okay, just put the money in there."

The shop owner said that he put between \$300 and \$400 in five, ten and twenty dollar bills in the container. The gunman indicated that he did not want any of the one dollar bills or silver.

After filling the bag, Harrington was told to walk into a back room and remain there. He said that he didn't look around until he heard the bell on the front door ring as the bandit left.

He said he heard no sound of a car starting up and assumed that the thief left on foot.

Investigating officers said that the suspect was between 18 and 21 years of age, had blue eyes, weighed about 145 pounds and was dressed in levis and a faded blue sweat shirt with a hood. He kept his right hand in a pocket during the entire holdup, simulating a gun.

Officers picked up the soft drink bottle for a fingerprint check.

'Jaycee Week' In Torrance Area Starts Today

Jaycee Week, the annual anniversary observance of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, starts today in Torrance, it was reported yesterday by Bob Vroman, local Jaycee president.

Official proclamation was made Tuesday by the City Council which named January 15 through 21 as the date of the observance.

Celebration will be highlighted with the annual Bosses' Night banquet, staged at the Palms Restaurant, and honoring the employers of Junior Chamber members.

Bosses' Night is an annual feature of Junior Chambers throughout the nation. It is dedicated to the bosses who support the Jaycees and recognize the value of the organization. This week a "Boss of the Year" will be chosen and a certificate will be issued.

TOO FAR NORTH . . .

Request Reconsideration of Inglewood As Site of South Bay Superior Court

The door apparently has not been slammed on Torrance as the future location of the South Bay Superior Court, it was learned yesterday from county officials.

Possibility of reconsidering proposal to locate the court facility in Inglewood was voiced by the same officials although they felt that the possible inclusion of Rolling Hills Estates, and Palos Verdes Estates in the court district might not be enough to swing the location to Torrance.

John Leach Jr., assistant county administrative officer, reported that he had suggested the Inglewood location because it was closer to the geographical and population centers of the district than was Torrance. He added that the decision was made without considering the possible inclusion of the two southern communities.

Now a part of the Long Beach Superior Court District, the city councils and Chambers of Commerce of the two communities, and the Lomita Chamber of Commerce last week had requested inclusion in the new district.

A strongly worded telegram was also sent to Lindon S. Hollinger, county administrative officer last week, signed by Mayor Albert Isen pointing that the court site, if located in Inglewood, would be on the northern periphery of the district. He also noted that in the City of Torrance had offered free land for the court and associated buildings in the proposed civic center development.

PREMATURE
The telegram read: "City of Torrance considers premature Hollinger recommendation for southwest Superior Court location. Public convenience

and interest requires reconsideration of district boundaries. Inglewood does not and cannot adequately serve the needs of the people of the South Bay-Lomita - Gardena - Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula areas. We urge full reconsideration at county administrative office level and further study of district court boundaries. Torrance civic center with free land grant and unlimited free public parking is available."

STUDENT OFFICERS

Representing El Camino College as student body president during the spring semester will be Orley Lindgren Inglewood, who won the office in elections conducted on campus this week.

The innovator of the popular college Educational Forum, also serves as debate squad manager and president of Phi Rho Pi fraternity.

TWO SERIOUSLY HURT . . .

Six Injured, Four Autos Wrecked in Thursday Crash

A rear-end collision drove a small foreign automobile under the wheels of an approaching gasoline tank truck Thursday evening, demolishing the vehicle and injuring two women and four children riding in it.

Taken to Harbor Receiving Hospital were Mary Carol Kidder, 22, her son Kent Allen Kidder, seven months, Peggie Louise Castor, 30, and her children Deborah, 7, Elouise, 6, and Garth 4. All six of the injured live at 20315 Denker St., Torrance.

TAKEN TO KAISER
All except Mrs. Castor, who suffered head injuries, and daughter, Deborah, who suffered a possible broken leg and lacerations, were treated and sent home. Mrs. Castor and daughter were transferred to Kaiser Foundation Hospital.

Booked on felony drunk driving charges was Alton Addison, 45, of 29302 Highmore Ave., San Pedro.

Investigating officers said that Addison apparently approached the intersection of 203rd St. and Western and struck the back of the auto driven by Mrs. Kidder, which

Memorial Hospital Staff Chief

A Torrance Physician was named this week to head the staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital, two other doctors were named to top executive positions, and still another was reelected to the position of secretary-treasurer for 1961.

Heading the roster of physicians at the hospital will be John F. Nursall, M.D., an

ophthalmologist, the new chief of staff for the hospital, while secondary positions will be held down by J. John Monson, M.D., orthopedic surgeon, as assistant chief of staff; Carlo A. Tabellario, M.D., pediatrician, reelected as secretary-treasurer; and William A. Davies, M.D., general practitioner, assistant secretary-treasurer.



HEAD HOSPITAL STAFFERS—Dr. John F. Nursall, seated, a Torrance eye specialist, was named Friday to serve as chief of staff at Torrance Memorial Hospital during 1961. He will replace retiring chief George O.

Peeke, M.D. Also shown are, standing, Carlo A. Tabellario, M.D. reelected as secretary treasurer, and J. John Monson, M.D. assistant chief or staff. Installation dinner will be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club Jan. 2.

PUBLIC SPIRIT, PUBLIC RELATIONS . . .

Free Trash Pickup for Little League, Churches, is Policy of Disposal Co.

Owners of All-American Rubbish Company, a licensed trash collection agency operating in the City of Torrance, this week reported that they will pick up rubbish from all of the city's churches and Little League fields free of charge.

Officials of the firm reported that the free pickups were a continuation of existing policy and were not meant to counteract bad publicity received recently when city councilmen administered a tongue-lashing to other trash collectors in the community. Councilmen had taken exception to "high pressure" selling techniques of some trash collecting firms.

Raymond Winton, presi-

dent of All American, (which was created by the recent merger of several trash collecting firms) said: "The company has been established to serve the City of Torrance and help keep it one of the cleanest and most beautiful cities in the Southland."

LOCAL MEN
"Most of the men who form this company were born and raised in this area and have served this community with their own individual rubbish companies for many years. They have

a wealth of knowledge and experience in the rubbish business. They are all civic-minded and public-spirited men whose main interest is to do the job and do it well."

Recent decision of the Torrance Council discontinue city operation of rubbish collection for all but one and two-family residences, forced the company into existence, Winton said. Service will be available to multi-unit apartments, commercial and industrial firms by contacting the company's office, 23310 Arlington, Torrance, or by calling DA 5-2131.

The company maintains a fleet of collection and service trucks all radio-equipped, and will also provide specialized containers for pickups.

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